

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the allowance of Claims 6, 7, 9, 12-16, 26, 27 and 33-36.

Entry of Amendment

As Applicants are canceling the rejected claims and only allowed claims are now pending, Applicants have put this application in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered at this time and allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner rejects Claims 28-30 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tu et al. (US 5,714,285) in view of Yamanishi et al. (US 5,626,727) and Satoshi (JP 10-2000), and rejects Claims 31 and 32 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tu et al. in view of Yamanishi et al. and Satoshi and further in view of Mitsui et al. (US 5,955,223). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse these rejections, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are canceling Claims 28-32 without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering these rejections moot.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that these rejections be withdrawn.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants electronically filed an information disclosure statement (IDS) on November 7, 2006. Each of the references in this IDS was cited for the first time in an office action in related

application 10/771,997 on October 17, 2006. As this was within three months of the filing of this IDS, it is respectfully requested that this IDS be entered and considered prior to the issuance of any further action for this application.

Conclusion

For at least the above-stated reasons, the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any further fee should be due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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